



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado experienced precipitation below average for this time of year. Temperatures across the state were higher than normal. The southeastern area experienced severe thunderstorms producing hail and wind damage to crops at the end of the week. Farmers had 5.7 days in the field for spring operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	9	86	5
Last Week	0	10	86	4
Last Year	3	24	67	6

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	7	89	4
Last Week	0	7	91	2
Last Year	11	29	55	5

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 88 percent jointed, behind the 5-year average of 96 percent, and was rated in mostly good condition. The crop was 21 percent headed, compared with 48 percent for the average. Spring barley was 99 percent seeded by the end of the week, just behind the 5-year average. Eighty-nine percent of the crop has emerged and is rated in mostly fair to good condition. Spring wheat was 98 percent seeded at week's end, ahead of the 5-year average of 93 percent with 82 percent of the crop emerged. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Farmers had 91 percent of the corn crop planted by week's end. This is ahead of last year's 77 percent complete and 84 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence was 36 percent complete compared with 42 percent on average. Dry Onions were 99 percent planted at week's end with a condition rating of mostly good. Sorghum planting was 28 percent complete compared with 22 percent for the 5-year average.

Growers are near completion planting sugarbeets with 99 percent in the ground and 45 percent up to stand by the end of the week. Producers continued planting sunflowers and ended the week with 14 percent complete.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending May 23, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	0	2	18	62	18
Last Year	1	6	20	51	22
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	19	38	35	8
Last Year	0	0	15	42	43
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	14	47	37	2
Last Year	0	1	19	38	42

Summer potatoes are 73 percent planted compared with a 5-year average of 67 percent and 17 percent of the crop is emerged. Fall potato planting in the San Luis Valley continued as 87 percent of the acreage was planted by week's end, ahead of the 5-year average of 80 percent.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Pasture and range feed conditions remain in mostly good condition. Last year at this time they were rated mostly fair to good. Farmers continued cutting alfalfa hay last week with 11 percent of the 1st cutting now complete.

Livestock: Ninety-eight percent of cows have calved since January 1st while 99 percent of the ewes have lambled during the same time frame. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending May 23, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	0	5	25	63	7
Prev. Year - 2009	1	13	41	42	3
5-Year Avg.	10	18	34	33	5

Spring 2010 Calving and Lambing

	2010	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	98	99
Ewes Lambled since Jan 1	99	99

COLORADO CROP PROGRESS
Development Ratings for Week Ending May 23, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Jointed	88	79	93	96
Headed	21	6	46	48
Spring Barley				
Seeded	99	97	99	100
Emerged	89	80	90	84
Spring Wheat				
Seeded	98	92	96	93
Emerged	82	63	82	66
Corn				
Planted	91	79	77	84
Emerged	36	6	40	42
Sorghum				
Planted	28	24	14	22
Sunflowers				
Planted	14	5	18	16
Dry Beans				
Planted	8	1	8	9
Dry Onions				
Planted	99	97	99	99
Sugarbeets				
Planted	99	94	93	98
Up to Stand	45	31	50	48
Summer Potatoes				
Planted	73	57	54	67
Emerged	17	6	19	30
Fall Potatoes				
Planted	87	80	89	80
Emerged	7	2	1	2
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	11	2	9	12

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	14	77	8
Corn	1	4	28	65	2
Dry Onions	1	1	14	67	17
Alfalfa	0	4	32	53	11
Sugarbeets	0	3	19	78	0

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.